

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 06473 120115Z

64

ACTION DLOS-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

FEA-01 ACDA-05 AGR-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00

CIAE-00 CIEP-01 OFA-01 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-07

EPA-01 ERDA-05 FMC-01 TRSE-00 H-02 INR-07 INT-05

IO-10 JUSE-00 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 NSF-01 OES-03

OMB-01 PA-01 PM-03 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /104 W

----- 026402

O 112133Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0000

C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 6473

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS CO

SUBJ: LOPEZ STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL WATERS

REF: WHITE-COX TELCON 7/11

1. SUBSEQUENT TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ' JULY 3 CARTAGENA SPEECH IN WHICH HE ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE INQUIRIES OF GOC OFFICIALS, SEEKING TO LEARN IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY SHIFT IN GOC POLICIES RE LAW OF THE SEA (LOS).

2. UNDER SECRETARY FONSECA, THE MIN OFFICIAL DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH LOS MATTERS, ASSURED AN EMBOFF SHORTLY AFTER THE EVENT THAT THE LOPEZ SPEECH DID NOT BETOKEN ANY CHANGE IN THE COLOMBIAN POSITION RE TERRITORIAL WATERS. FONSECA SAID THE LOPEZ REMARKS WERE MERELY MEANT TO UNDERScore THE EXISTING GOC POSITION.

3. A MEMBER OF THE COLOMBIAN SENATE WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE CARTAGENA CEREMONIES RECENTLY ASSURED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 06473 120115Z

THAT NO CHANGE WAS ANTICIPATED IN COLOMBIA'S LOS POLICIES. HE

ATTRIBUTED THE CHARGED LOPEZ RHETORIC (A READINESS TO DEFEND COMOMBIA'S RIGHTS IF NECESSARY "ON THE FIELDS OF BATTLE") TO THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF THE CEREMONIES, INCLUDING THE DEDICATION OF A BUST OF LOPEZ' FATHER. A CONVIVIAL LUNCH MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN A FACTOR.

4. LOPEZ OCCASIONALLY HEIGHTENS HIS REMARKS TO SUIT THE AUDIENCE AT HAND (IN THIS CASE A GROUP OF NAVY OFFICERS). HE IS ALSO GIVEN TO THE HEROIC PHRASE. (PAST EXAMPLES INCLUDE "I WON'T THROW IN THE TOWEL"; "THEY SHALL NOT PASS", ETC.) THESE FLIGHTS OF PURPLE PROSE, IN COMBINATION WITH THE TENDENCY OF THE MEDIA, ESPECIALLY RADIO, TO EMBROIDER NEW DISPATCHES, FREQUENTLY LEAD TO NEWS ITEMS THAT MAKE UP IN INTEREST WHAT THEY LACK IN ACACY.
WHITE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, TERRITORIAL WATERS, TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT, TWO HUNDRED MILE LIMIT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BOGOTA06473
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750240-1096
From: BOGOTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750761/aaaaccrp.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION DLOS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 SEP 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <17 NOV 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOPEZ STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL WATERS
TAGS: PLOS, CO, (LOPEZ)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006